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In the absence of Mr. Gaspar Martins (Angola), Mr. Lovald (Norway), Vice-Chairperson, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda (PBC/1/OC/13)

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

Modality of transmitting documents of the Peacebuilding Commission to other United Nations organs

2. **The Chairperson** recalled that the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission had reached an understanding on a proposal to transmit the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi to the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council by means of a single letter from the Chairman of the Burundi configuration co-addressed to the Presidents of those organs. A draft of that letter had been distributed to the members of the Organizational Committee.

3. He also recalled that the resolutions establishing the Peacebuilding Commission had defined, in broad terms, the relationship between the latter and the three principal organs of the United Nations. Accordingly, members of the Burundi configuration had emphasized the need to communicate to those organs the progress made in considering the peacebuilding needs and priorities of Burundi. As the Strategic Framework was the main outcome of the Commission's first year of engagement with Burundi, the Organizational Committee should endorse the aforementioned proposal. Technical experts had advised him that the documents in question should be issued as documents of the Peacebuilding Commission and bear their own symbols.

4. **Mr. Abdelaziz** (Egypt), supported by **Mr. Knyazev** (Russian Federation), said that, while he could agree to the Chairperson's proposal in the specific case at issue, it should not set a precedent: transmittal procedures for future documents of the Peacebuilding Commission should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

5. **The Chairperson** said that, if he heard no objection, and bearing in mind the comments made by the representatives of Egypt and the Russian Federation, he would take it that the Organizational Committee agreed to adopt the transmittal procedure he had just described.

6. *It was so decided.*

Other matters

7. **Mr. Deruffe** (France) enquired whether the Peacebuilding Commission had adopted a workplan for the forthcoming months.

8. **Ms. McAskie** (Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Support) said that a provisional schedule had been drawn up for the period from September 2007 to June 2008. The official workplan would be discussed by the new Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission, who would soon be elected.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.